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CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION:

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JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE LEGISLATIVE

ASSEMBLY OF THE AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION ADOPTED
ON 13.2.1975

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTEHz ON HAVING MET IN A JOINT
SESSION IN NICOSIA THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1975, AND

HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT;

THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY
OBSTRUCTED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS UNDER
THE CONSTITUTION;

THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WAS FORCED TO LIVE FOR
YEARS
UNDER UNBEARABLE CONDITIONS, DEPRIVED OF ALL THEIR ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND MEANS UNDER THREATS AND OPPRESSION, IN AREAS WHERE
THEY HAD GATHERED FOR SELF-PRESERVATION AND FOR ENSURING THEIR
SECURITY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY; AND

THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ATTEMPTS AND THREATS
IN THE YEARS 1973, 1967 AND 1974, TO END THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ONE
OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE REPUBLIC, WAS FORCED TO RESIST SUCH
AHTBLPTS AT THE EXPENSE OF GRAVE SACRIFICES, HAVE COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF THEIR LIVING TOGETHER
WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT CO-FOUNDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS; AND

HAVING COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR BRINGING
TRANQUILITY, SECURITY AND PERMANENT PEACE TO THE ISLAND IS FOR
THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
REGION, DEVELOPING THEIR OWN INTERNAL STRUCTURE; AND

HAVING NOTED THE FACT THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS
NOT MADE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS ON THE
ABOVE REASONABLE BASIS; AND

HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE NECESSITY OF PUTTING THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE INTO A NEW
HEALTHY ORDER; AND

HAVING CONFIRMED THEIR BELIEF AND DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE
RESOLUTELY ALL ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS; AND
ITS PARTITION OR UNION WITH ANY OTHER STATE; AND

BELIEVING IN THE NECESSITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATUS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND EXPRESSING THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO
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ALLOW THE ISLAND TO BECOME SUBSERVIENT TO ANY FOREIGN INTEREST;
AND

MINDFUL OF THE NECESSITY OF CREATING IN THEIR OWN REGION THE
LEGAL BASIS OF AN ORDER LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OFILHE
FUTURE INDEPENDENT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS; AND

REAFFIRMING THAT THEIR FINAL OBJECTIVE IS TO UNITE WITH THE
GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A BI-REGIONAL
FEDERATION;

HAVE RESOLVED THAT THE AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE RE-STRUCTURED AND ORGANIZED ON THE BASIS OF A SECULAR AND FEDERATED STATE, UNTIL SUCH TIME THE 1960 CONSWPDSGA TION OF THE REPUBLIC, THE BASIC ARTICLES OF WHICH WERE DETERMINED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, IS AMENDED IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO BECOME THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AND UNTIL THE SAID FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS ESTABLISHED.

WITH THIS OBJECT IN VIEW, A FIFTY MEMBER CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL BE SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION.
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